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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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08/02/2013: Dave, N4QS, will be operating from Georgetown, Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) as ZF2DP from 8-12 February 2013. He plans to be active during the CQ WPX RTTY contest (9-10 February) and will also operate some CW and SSB on the days before and after the contest -- primarily on the WARC bands. Dave will be using the ZF1A club station and running low power using his Elecraft K3. He will attempt to upload to ClubLog in real-time using the N1MM Gateway. QSL via LoTW or direct to N4QS. Online log is available at: www.clublog.org/logsearch/ZF2DP [NG3K]

09/02/2013: Bob, 5B4AGN, has planned a lightweight Pacific trip for February 2013. This will have him QRV as KH2/G3ZEM from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064) between 9-13th February and as V63ZM from Pohnpei Islands (OC-010) between 13-23 February. QRV on 80-10m but may include 160m if useful antenna arrangements can be made. K3 + KPA-500. QSL via M0URX. [DX World]

09/02/2013: A team of operators will be active from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, as LX7I during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (9-10 February) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LX2A. [NG3K]

10/02/2013: Drew, N2RFA, will be active as C6ABB from Cable Beach, Nassau [New Providence Island] (NA-001, WLOTA 1115), Bahamas, from 10-21 between February 2013. QRV on 80, 40, 20 and 17 metres. Drew will also be doing some digital work with PSK31, JT65, RTTY and possibly SSTV. QSL direct to N2RFA. All contacts will be uploaded to eQSL and LoTW. [DX World]

10/02/2013: Look for Elena RC5A, and Alex, RA1AGL to be activeas HC2/homecalls from Ecuador between 10 February and 9 March 2013. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February). Outside the contest they will be QRV on 160-6 metres, including the WARC bands, using SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

10/02/2013: J52HF will be once again be on the air from 10 February until 2 March 2013. Some members of the Verona DX Team will return to Cumura (WW Loc. IK21DT) to help the mission with their work. In their spare time they will be on air on HF and 50MHz, only SSB. Operators include Livio IZ3BUR, Libero IK3RBE, Enzo IK3VVD, Ilario IZ3STA and Milena IK3VZJ. With the support of Rosy and Loris. For further information check their website at: www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/en [DX World]

10/02/2013: John, XU7ACQ, will be active in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, between 10 February and 18 March 2013. QRV 80 to 10 metre SSB, digital and CW. He is looking for Delaware and South Dakota for WAS. QSL via KF0RQ. Online logsearch is available at ClubLog. [DX World]

11/02/2013: Vlad, RK4FF, plans activity from Le Calao Resort, Thies region, Senegal, as 6V7S during the following dates in 2013: 11 February to 3 April; 13-30 May; 1-16 July; and 22 October to 27 November. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct only. [DX World]

11/02/2013: Valery, RG5A, will once again be active from the FM5BH QTH in Ducos, island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041, DDFM 97) as FM/R5GA from (approx.) 11-17 February 2013. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February) using the callsign TO5X. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

11/02/2013: Year 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC). To celebrate this occasion several Cuban amateurs will activate various Cuba IOTA's as follows: T48RRC - NA-218, Moa Grande Island, planned to be activated from 11 to 14th of February. T47RRC - NA-086, Coco Island, planned to be activated from 14 to 16th of February. T46RRC - NA-204, Santa Maria Island, planned to be activated from 16 to 18th of February. T46T - NA-204, Santa Maria Island, CW team plans to participate in ARRL International DX CW Contest (16-17 February) as M/S or M/2 entry. QSL via OQRS, direct to RZ3EC, or via LoTW. Further information and updates at: cuba2013.ru/ [IOTA-chasers]

11/02/2013: Tom, AA9A, will be active once again from the island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118) from 11-20 February 2013. This time he will use the new callsign V24A, instead of V25AA. QRV on 160-10 metres, also 60 metres if there is a demand for it, using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL via his home call, bureau or direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

12/02/2013: Oleg Neruchev, ZS1OIN (UA3HK), will replace Oleg Sakharov as new Chief of Bellingshausen Base (WAP RUS-01, AA U-04, WFF RFF-154), on King George Island (WLOTA 0312), South Shetland Islands (AN-010), and will be QRV on all bands, mostly CW, after 12 February 2013 as RI1ANU instead of the normally used RI1ANF callsign. He plans to stay at the base until 31 March. QSL via ZS1OIN. [I1HYW]

13/02/2013: A group of operators will activate PJ2T, the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point Station on the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 13-20 February 2013. Activity will be on all bands and modes, but their main operations will be during the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL PJ2T via LoTW or W3HNK. Look for operators to possibly be active before and after the contest using their own PJ2/homecall callsigns. QSL via their home calls unless where indicated. Operators mentioned are John K9QVB, Howie K9KM, Kelly N0VD (via W3HNK), Mal NP2L, Andy W9NJY (via WD9DZV), Bill W9VA and Geoff PJ2DX. Some operators will use LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

13/02/2013: Look for Bill, AA4NC, to be active from the island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475) as VP2ME from 13-20 February 2013. QRV on all bands CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on the WARC bands. He will also participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February). QSL via LoTW. QSL also via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

13/02/2013: Jeff, K0UU, will be active as VP5/homecall from Grand Turk Island (NA-003, WLOTA 0289) between 13-21 February 2013. QRV with focus on the WARC bands. Jeff will also participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February) using the special callsign VQ5RP. QSL via LoTW or K0UU, (direct or bureau). [OPDX Bulletin]

14/02/2013: An international team from Belgium and The Netherlands will be on air from Bujumbura, Burundi, as 9U4U from 14-23 February 2013. The QTH will be at Club du Lac de Tanganyika on the shoresof Lake Tanganyika. 10 Ops in total with four stations on air. Website: www.9u4u.be/ QSL via M0URX. [DX World]

14/02/2013: Look for George, KQ8Z, to be active between (approx) 14 February and 5 March 2013 from near High Rock, on Grand Bahama Island (NA-080, WLOTA 0527, WW Loc. FL06UO). His main focus will be a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry in both the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February) and the

ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). George will be active on other bands for a few days before and after the contests. QSL via KQ8Z, direct only (SASE or SAE and $1). [NG3K]

14/02/2013: Dave, G3TBK, is returning to Kingstown, island of St. Vincent (NA-109, WLOTA 0492, WW Loc. FK93JD) and will be active as J88DR between 14 February and 11 March 2013. QRV on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. Dave will also participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or RSGB bureau. [NG3K]

15/02/2013: Joe, K5KUA, will once again operate portable from Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S), Gulf of Mexico, Galveston county, Texas, from 15-17 February 2013. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style. QSL direct or via bureau to K5KUA. [rsgbiota.org]

15/02/2013: From 15-18 January 2013, operators Olof G0CKV, Kazu JK3GAD, Seppo OH1VR and Oliver W6NV will be active as M5E from Marconi's historical trans-Atlantic test site, Cornwall, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QRV on all HF bands and modes. Commemorative QSL for ARRL DX CW Contest contacts! QSL manager will be Olof, G0CKV. [NG3K]

15/02/2013: John, W2GD, has planned a last minute trip and will be active once again as P40W from near Santa Cruz, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033). His main focus will be an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February). Note: 160M on the hour and 80m on the half hour. Some pre/post contest WARC operation also. QSL via LoTW preferred. [NG3K]

15/02/2013: Joeke, PA0VDV will be active again as PJ2/PA0VDV from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) from 15 February to 22 March 2013. He will operate CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

15/02/2013: Look for Andrew, VK4NM and Peter, VK4LAT to be active as VK4NM/p from Fraser Island (OC-142, WFF VKFF-216, WLOTA 2976), Queensland, Australia, between 15-18 February 2013. QRV on 80-10 metres. Emphasis on high bands as they usually are only activate in the winter when 10m activity is low. QSL goes via M0OXO. [rsgbiota.org]

15/02/2013: Operators Rudi DK7PE, Juergen DH6ICE, Juergen DH0RAK, Bernhard DK7TF and Zik DK8ZZ from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (DL0DLH) will be active as XV2DLH from Mui Ne village, Vietnam, between 15-26 February 2013. QSL via DK8ZZ, direct or DARC bureau. More info to follow. [DX World]

15/02/2013: YB6AR and several other operators will be active as homecall/p from Pulau Bunta (claimed for IOTA group OC-245, WLOTA 2390) on 15-17 February 2013. They plan to be QRV on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metre SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to home calls. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

23/02/2013: A team consisting of FR1JB, FR1GZ, FR4NP, FR4DJ, FR4OA, FR4OM, FR4OO, FR4OS, FR4OU, FR4OV, FR4PE, FR4PF, FR4PG, FR5CU, FR5FC and FR5HV plan to be active from the UNESCO world heritage site of Piton de la Fournaise [Peak of the Furnace] volcano on the following dates: 23-24 February, 11-12 May and 3-4 August 2013. The callsign TO1PF will be used on each occasion. The volcano is a shield volcano on the eastern side of Reunion island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WWFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812), with an elevation of elevation 2,632m. It is currently one of the most active volcanoes in the world. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via FR1GZ. [DX World]

25/02/2013: Ken, K4ZW, is returning to Juba, South Sudan, and will be QRV as Z81Z when work permits between 25 February and 6 March 2013. Look for him this time on low bands. QSL via home call. [DX World]

01/03/2013: Once again operators Juan Carlos TI2JCY, Carlos TI2KAC, Mauricio TI4ZM, Eddie K4UN, Bob W4BW, Keith W4KTR and Lex W4XO will be active from Costa Rica as TI8M for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). They plan a M/? (surprise) entry. QRV 160-10m during and before contest. QSL via TI2KAC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

30/03/2013: Adrian, MW1LCR, will be using the special callsign GW100C from his QTH in Llangolen (WW Loc. IO82KW, SJ24WRE), Wales (EU-005, WLOTA 0453), on 30-31 March 2013 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RSGB. He will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry during the same time frame. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS system (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). [GR2HQ]

27/04/2013: The QSY Society ARC will celebrate the 222nd anniversary of the birth of Samuel F.B. Morse by operating three CW stations on April 27, 1400-1900z from the front porch of his historic Italianate-style home located at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie, NY. The 40 metre station will operate at 100 watts; the 20 and 17 metre stations will operate at QRP+ (10 to 15 watts). 18.076, 14.061, 7.034. QSL: Stan Levandowski WB2LQF, 6 Chatham Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. Do not send money or envelopes! For more information contact: wb2lqf[AT]arrl.net [UBA HF News]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

08/02/2013: Members of the Bari DX Team, Bari (BA), Italy, are currently activate using the special callsign IR7WAP (WAP-236) until 3 March 2013 on the occasion of the 10th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW). QSL via IK7XNF, unfortunately only direct and e-QSL. [DX Newsletter]

09/02/2013: Simon, M0VKY, will be using the special callsign G100C from his QTH in Dudley (WW Loc. IO82VM, SO89), England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841), on 9-10 February 2013 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RSGB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS system (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). [GR2HQ]

11/02/2013: The special event station PF13ANT (WAP-239) will be activated by Rob, PA0RDY, during the 10th AAW from 11-29 February 2013. QSL via PA0RDY, via direct preferred but bureau QSLs are fine also. [DX Newsletter]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

08/02-11/02 HK0/F6BFH: Isla de Providencia WLOTA:0788 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/02-12/02 ZF2DP: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL N4QS (d)
09/02-10/02 G100C: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL M0OXO (OQRS)
09/02-13/02 KH2/G3ZEM: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL M0URX (d/B/OQRS)
10/02-19/02 8P9HI: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL VA3QSL (d/B)
10/02-21/02 C6ABB: New Providence Island WLOTA:1115 QSL N2RFA (d)
11/02-15/02 FM/R5GA: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL R5GA (d)
11/02-20/02 V24A: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL AA9A (d/B)
12/02-31/03 RI1ANU: King Georges Island WLOTA:0312 QSL ZS1OIN (d)
13/02-15/02 HK1/F6BFH: Isla Tierra Bomba WLOTA:0296 H/c (d/B)
13/02-15/02 HK3JJH/HK1: Isla Tierra Bomba WLOTA:0296 QSL H/c (d)
13/02-20/02 PJ2/K9KM: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
13/02-20/02 PJ2/K9QVB: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
13/02-20/02 PJ2/N0VD: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W3HNK (d)
13/02-20/02 PJ2/NP2L: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)

13/02-20/02 PJ2/W9NJY: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL WD9DZV (d)
13/02-20/02 PJ2/W9VA: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
13/02-21/02 VP5/K0UU: Grand Turk Island WLOTA:0289 QSL H/c (d/B/LoTW)
14/02-05/03 C6AZZ: Grand Bahama Island WLOTA:0527 QSL KQ8Z (d)
14/02-11/03 J88DR: St. Vincent WLOTA:0492 QSL G3TBK (d/B)
15/02-18/02 M5E: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G0CKV (d/B)
15/02-18/02 P40W: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL LoTW/W2GD (d)
15/02-22/03 PJ2/PA0VDV: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/02-18/02 VK4NM/P: Fraser Island WLOTA:2976 QSL M0OXO
15/02-17/02 YB6AR/P: Palau Bunta WLOTA:2390 QSL H/c (d)
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6 METRES & UP -

09/02-10/02 YLISSB QSO Party 6m-70cm CW classes 09 0000z-10 2359z
09/02-10/02 Louisiana QSO Party 6m/2m classes 09 1500z-10 0300z
10/02 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 0000z-2359z
10/02-11/02 Classic Exchange 6m/2m AM/SSB/FM included 10 1400z-11 0800z
10/02 MRAC FM Simplex Contest 6m-70cm 10 1900z-2130z
10/02-02/03 J52HF: Guinea-Bissau Grid:IK21DT 6m SSB QSL I3LDP (d/OQRS/B)
12/02 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
12/02 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
12/02 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
13/02 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
14/02 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
14/02 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_feb.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 06 February 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

Phil, G3SWH has been also been appointed as QSL manager for Thor, TF4M's various operations as follows:

TF1PSN, TF1PS, TF6PS, TF7PS, TF6MM, TF1MM, 4X/TF1MM, TF1MM/YU1, 9A/TF1MM, 9A6MM, OD5/TF1MM, 4U/TF1MM, TF1MM/4L, VK8CW, 4U1ET, TF3MM and TF4MM.

There are log searches for all activities at: www.g3swh.org.uk/ [G3SWH]

QSLs via Bureau: 4W6A, 5R8UO, 5W1SA 7Q7GM, 9M4SLL, 9M6DXX, 9M6XRO, 9M8Z, A35YZ, A61BM, C56XA, CY9M, E4X, FH/DL7BC, FM/F6AUS, FS/F5JSD, J8/N2IEN, JD1BLY, PJ2/K2PLF, PJ4R, TO5A, V26K, VP2E/K1XM, VP2MDC, VP2MOM and YS1/HB9KNA.

QSLs via Direct: 3W2J (OQRS), 5U5U (TL0A), 7O6T (UA3DX), 7W50I (7X2ARA), 9M6/JA4DND (JA4DND), A92GR (QRZ.com), FM5BH (W3HNK), H40FN (HA8DD), H44MS (DL2GAC), J6/N7QT (H/c), J79WE (DL8WEM), OJ0R (G3TXF), TI8AA (QRZ.com), V26E (AB2E), VK6WDI [OC-170] (VK6YS), VO2NS (QRZ.com), W7AVO/VK9L (JA3AVO), WP2XX (QRZ.com) and Z81Z (K4ZW).

QSLs via LoTW: 9J3A, HK1R, J77A, KL7J, PJ2/K8ND, T77C, VE3EJ, VE3FU, VP2V/K6TOP and YS3CW.

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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

Halley VI - New Antarctic Station
The British Antarctic Survey?s new research station, Halley VI, becomes fully operational this month. As yet, no word on future ham radio activities, even though the array of log periodics looks very enticing!
More info on the new station at:
www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-21336715

Nias Island, OC-161
A group from the YB Land DX Club plan activity later this month from Nias island OC-161. Dates not yet confirmed. The team will also apply to use the YE6N callsign, which was last used in 2006 from the same island, or they may sign individual callsigns/6. More to follow.... [DX World
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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